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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church- room 5

When: Monday, February 6, 2017

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Time: 7:00 pm

Join the KofC10209 Google Group and get email notices of upcoming events! To sign up simply visit:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/kofc10209>

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights, over the next few weeks and months I'm looking forward to working on the goals we set at the beginning of the fraternal year including reaching Star Council. We will also be busy with several activities and events planned to make a difference in our council and parish community. A few of the events include the Pro-Life Day, Corporate Communion, Clergy Appreciation Dinner, a council fundraiser after all masses on February 4th and 5th, Super Bowl pool, golf tournament fundraiser, membership blitz in March, and the Lenten Season.

Our next fundraiser will be this weekend February 4th and 5th selling baked goods, fajita tacos and breakfast tacos. We are looking for volunteers and members to donate cookies, cakes, muffins and pies as well sign up to volunteer to work the BBQ pit, prepare and wrap tacos in the kitchen and sell items after all masses. It's always a fun time at these fundraisers bar-be-queing and participating in the camaraderie with our fellow Knights.

We are about 4 weeks away from our biggest fundraiser of the year our annual golf tournament which set for Saturday, March 4th at Roy Kizer Golf Course. This will be our primary focus at our next business on February 6th. I want to thank all who have continued to search for golfers and golf teams, and businesses that would like to play or be a sponsor in our tournament. A big thank you

goes to the Jensen's (Bill and Linda) for all their work getting local restaurants to donate gift cards and adding so much value to our tournament.

Over the next few weeks and at our next Officer's Meeting in February, I want to turn our focus to a membership blitz in the month of March. The parish continues to grow on a weekly basis and new members add new life into the parish community and our council. We will continue the discussions on how we can grow our council and coming up with new ideas on the benefits of being a Knight to potential new candidates. Some of the areas we can look at include the current RCIA members, hosting a movie and popcorn event, send out a personal letter to new parishioners and discussing ideas with the Ladies Auxiliary on how they can assist us in recruiting potential new members. We currently have a couple of prospects and by adding a few more we can reach our fraternal goal of Star Council for the year.

At our last business meeting Father Gerold discussed his goals for the parish in the coming new year and each goal represents what the Knights are all about and for each one of us to make a difference in our family life through Family Consecration and following values in the Knights of Columbus principles with continued prayer and church involvement through the many different ministries including Adoration every Friday. I want to thank Father Gerold and Father Johnson for always making a positive impact on all of our spiritual and prayerful lives.

For our Knight of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize Bob Meny for the month of January. Bob is an active member in our council while serving as an officer and spending many hours throughout the year volunteering on Saturday mornings assisting the Men's Club with the grounds maintenance.

For our Family of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize the Jensen family for the month of January. Bill and his wife Linda have been very busy talking to area businesses and receiving many donations for our upcoming golf tournament. The Jensen are also very active in the Boy Scouts serving in leadership roles as well active members of the St. Paul's parish and community. I want to thank the Jensen Family for all you do for our council, Boy Scouts and St. Paul's.

I want to thank Johnnie Muller and those who were able to attend the Pro-Life Day prayer vigil and March for Life events on Saturday, January 28th, it was a very inspiring to see all of the people coming out to pray on behalf of teenagers, women and families who have gone through

or are going through this kind of life altering experience. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion, end of euthanasia, end of the death penalty and give thanks for the gift of life.

Fraternally,

Chris Jistel, GK

Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Mike Snowden, Fr. Hector Vega, Gayle Ferguson, Bob Natoli, Jr Treviño's uncle, Eugene Borel, Jenni Fonseca, Jeff and Betty Payne, Ish Gonzalez, Dcn Danny Pearson, Mathew Soto, Mercer Twitty. Roy Ramirez, Nancy Noel, Benny Luco, Katherine Clark

Calendar Review

Monday, February 6, 2017 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – Room 5

Monday, February 20, 2017 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm

Saturday, February 25, 2017 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

Saturday, February 18, 2017 – Austin Catholic Men's Conference at St. Vincent de Paul parish

Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays

Bill Hoagland - 2/2

Ralph Alaniz - 2/7

Father Paul McCallum- 2/14

JR Trevino - 2/18

Larry Larson - 2/24

Up coming Events

Golf Tournament Update:

Brother Knights,

Our annual golf tournament is on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 2-months away so let's begin confirming golf teams, raffle prizes and sponsors. If each Knight receives a

couple of sponsorships or donations and one golf team we will have a very fun and successful tournament.

General Information: Tournament date: Saturday, March 4th; Kizer Golf Course; 8:00 a.m. shotgun start; scramble format; \$90 per player of \$360 per team; includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, awards, door prizes and more!

2017 Goals: have fun; net \$5,000 as budgeted for this fraternal year; recruit 25-golf teams (net-\$3,200); 30 major sponsors (\$100 value or more, can be monetary donation, raffle prizes or auction items), 3 major auction items (net 500-\$1,000, can be rounds of golf, hotel stay or package or any other item of value), 30 raffle prizes (golf clubs, cool towel, gift cards, golf bag, case of beer); and goodie bag items.

As you visit restaurants and local businesses please see if they will provide a gift card or sponsor a hole this year. Thank you for all you do to make our biggest fundraiser of the year successful.

Take care,

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Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...

Brothers,

Before our next meeting we will be in the liturgical season of Lent. I am not trying to rush it – time goes quickly enough without any help – but I would like to remind you to start thinking now how you can make this coming Lent the best Lent yet. Traditionally we think of Lent as a kind of gloomy season, largely I believe, because of the way we grew up. When I was young we could not go to movies or dances and we had to give up something we liked, usually something sweet like candy, ice cream, or soda. Although self-denial does help us with our own discipline and helps us focus on repentance, penance, and Christ's suffering for us, it can make for a gloomy 6 weeks.

But it doesn't have to, and we should really look forward to a season that helps us focus on coming closer to Christ. Rather than giving up something tangible, why not consider giving a little of your time and dedicate it to God and spiritual self-growth? Perhaps, you could give up that 30 minute TV

program you like so much and spend that time with God in prayer and/or spiritual reading. There are many devotionals available designed for Lenten meditation or you could read the daily readings from your bible each day, and meditate on those readings. This year, though, I encourage you to not only focus on your own spiritual growth, but also help your family grow closer to Jesus.

Lent would be a good time to cultivate your family a domestic church by deliberately welcome God into your family home. Through prayer and reflection your family will have the opportunity to grow in holiness together during this season of Lent, and then continue to live your family life as a domestic church throughout the year. You belong to the right organization to help you make this happen. The Knights of Columbus developed the [Family Fully Alive](#) program which provides [monthly themes, reflections, meditations](#), family projects, and Scripture verses designed to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life.

So, you might ask, what does this look like in my home? That is up to you, but I believe the K of C suggested format is good and very doable: "Designate a space in your home where your family can gather together for prayer. The space should be free from distractions and, if possible, decorated with religious images and sacramental to help direct the family's thoughts toward God." After you identify and dedicate a space, ask one of the priests or deacons to come to bless the religious images, sacramentals, and space, and then bring the family together every day to pray for a short time. Select a time that fits most everyone's schedule, so that all can participate, perhaps after or before supper or before retiring for the night. If every day does not work, commit to one day per week when everyone can participate.

What do you do in the dedicated space? You decide; perhaps pray the Rosary together, read from the bible, or follow the suggestion of the K of C program: "Open each week with the Our Father, Hail Mary or one of the other prayers included in the [Prayers for Every Family](#) section. Next, ask a family member to read the theme. Then, proceed with the month's prayer and activities. Then, offer some petitions with each family member adding personal intentions to the prayer. Conclude together by reciting the [Consecration to the Holy Family](#). Feel free to add to this basic structure other devotions, songs and whatever your family finds spiritually enriching for prayer."

Whatever you do this Lent, let it become a permanent change for good in your life and family.

Vivat Jesus

Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, February 25, 2017. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.